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Governor Jan Brewer Appoints Chair of “Governor’s P-20 Coordinating Council of Arizona”

Announces Appointments To Key Education Council

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Dr. Carol Peck as Chair of the “Governor’s P-20 Coordinating Council of Arizona.” Dr. Peck will lead the new council in recommending ways to achieve a more streamlined system of education while improving academic achievement in Arizona.

“I am honored to have someone of Dr. Peck’s caliber leading the P-20 Coordinating Council and helping my office implement not only the reforms outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) but my vision for the future of Arizona’s education system,” stated Governor Brewer.

Dr. Peck currently serves as President and CEO of the Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona where she has implemented several innovative programs that are successfully improving student achievement as well as rewarding and training our state’s best teachers and principals. Prior to her arrival at the Rodel Foundation, Dr. Peck served as Superintendent of the Alhambra School District for 16 years where she received numerous awards including National Superintendent of the Year.

The P-20 Coordinating Council will provide a statewide forum that will, in turn, provide recommendations to the Governor on specific education reforms outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which include: teacher quality, P-20 data systems, standards and assessments and supporting the state’s struggling schools. In an effort to expand stakeholder involvement and effectively execute the aforementioned reforms, Governor Brewer is directing the Council to create a task force for each of the required reforms.

The newly appointed members of the P-20 Coordinating Council include:

- Tom Horne, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction
- J. Elliott Hibbs, Executive Director, Early Childhood Development and Health Board
- Vince Yanez, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Education
- Deanna Rowe, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Charter Schools
- John Arnold, Executive Director, Arizona School Facilities Board
- Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Pima County School Superintendent
- Dr. Michael Kearns, President, Mohave Community College
- Joel Sideman, Executive Director, Arizona Board of Regents
- Dr. Marv Lamer, Superintendent, Valley Academy for Career & Technology Education
- Dr. April Osborn, Executive Director, Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education
- Dr. Pauline Begay, Apache County School Superintendent
- Five Business/Citizen Members:
 - Dr. Carol Peck, President and CEO, Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona
 - Dr. Jim Zaharis, Vice President, Education, Greater Phoenix Leadership
 - Colleen Niccum, Vice-President, Communications and External Affairs, Raytheon
 - LaVelle McCoy, President, McCoy Motors
 - Lisa Graham Keegan, Former Superintendent of Public Instruction and Education Consultant

“I want to thank those that have agreed to serve our state and remind them that our current fiscal crisis is not a reason to halt the progress Arizona has made in educational achievement; in fact, it’s a reason to accelerate it,” stated Governor Brewer. “We have a lot of work that needs to be done in order to push Arizona’s educational system to the next level, and I am extremely grateful for those who will serve.”

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